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REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the final Office Action mailed January 13, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner notes that claims 28-79 are pending of which claims 28-30, 32-46, 50-56 and 60-64 are withdrawn, claims 31, 47-49 and 67-79 are allowed, and claims 57-59, 65 and 66 are rejected. By this response both the withdrawn claims 28-30, 32-46, 50-56 and 60-64 and the rejected claims 57-59, 65 and 66 are cancelled.

In view of both the cancellation of claims presented above and the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of the claims are now in allowable form.

It is to be understood that the Applicants, by canceling the claims, do not acquiesce to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or to the Applicants' subject matter recited in the pending claims. Further, the Applicants are not acquiescing to the Examiner's statements as to the applicability of the prior art of record to the pending claims by filing the instant response. Also, Applicants reserve the right to subsequently file divisional applications in order to prosecute the inventions recited in any one or more of the claims previously designated as withdrawn.

Amendments to the Specification

The Specification has been amended to clarify that application Serial No. 08/160,283 is now U.S. Patent No. 5,682,195, application Ser. No. 08/160,281 is now U.S. Patent No. 5,798,785, application Ser. No. 08/160,193 is now U.S. Patent No. 5,734,853, and that application Ser. No. 08/160,194 is now U.S. Patent No. 5,990,927.

Allowed Claims

The applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 31, 47-49 and 67-79.

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Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 57-59 and 65-66

The Examiner has rejected claims 57-59 and 65-66 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,400,401 to Wasilewski et al. (hereinafter "Wasilewski"). However, claims 57-59 have been cancelled, thus making the rejection moot. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Thus, Applicants submit that none of the claims, presently in the application, are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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